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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: MAKARIOS MOVES QUICKLY AGAINST PRIESTS
OBEYING BISHOPS' ORDERS

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BEGIN SUMMARY: FORCED TO CHOOSE FOR FIRST TIME BETWEEN
BISHOPS AND ARCHBISHOP, PRIESTS IN MAKARIOS' OWN DIOCESES
OF NICOSIA AND FAMAGUSTA OPT OVERWHELMINGLY FOR ARCH-
BISHOP. SINGLE EXCEPTION IS SUMMARILY DISMISSED. IN
LIMASSOL DISPUTES ERUPT BETWEEN PRIESTS AND PARISHIONERS,
AS LATTER TRY TO PREVENT READING OF BISHOPS' ENCYCLICAL.
END SUMMARY

1. AFTER 14 MONTHS OF THREATS, PRONOUNCEMENTS AND
MUTUAL RECRIMINATIONS, DISPUTE BETWEEN MAKARIOS AND
CYPRUS BISHOPS FOR FIRST TIME THIS PAST WEEKEND DIRECTLY
TOUCHED PARISH PRIESTS AND THEIR CONGREGATIONS.
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BISHOPS' APRIL 19 ENCYCLICAL (REFTEL) HAD INSTRUCTED PRIESTS TO OMIT ARCHBISHOP' S NAME FROM CHURCH PRAYERS AND SUBSTITUTE THAT OF BISHOP YENNADIOS OF PAPHOS. AS PRACTICAL MATTER ENCYCLICAL APPLIED ONLY TO NICOSIA AND FAMAGUSTA, WHERE ARCHBISHOP OR HIS SUFFRAGAN ACTS ALSO AS BISHOP, SINCE LONG- STANDING PRACTICE HAS BEEN FOR PARISH PRIESTS TO NAME ONLY BISHOP OF THEIR DIOCESE, NOT ARCHBISHOP.

2. IN SINGLE KNOWN CASE IN NICOSIA DIOCESE WHERE NAME YENNADIOS WAS READ INSTEAD OF ARCHBISHOP, OFFENDING PRIEST WAS PROMPTLY REMOVED. PARIS PRIEST OF EYLENJIA, WHO HAD OBEYED ENCYCLICAL, WAS " SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY" BY BISHOP SUFFRAGAN WITHIN TWO HOURS OF CHURCH SERVICE, AND ANOTHER PRIEST PUT IN HIS PLACE. PRIEST OF NICOSIA PHANEROMENI CHURCH RESIGNED, AND OTHER NICOSIA AND FAMAGUSTA CLERGYMEN HAVE REPORTEDLY TENDERED RESIGNATIONS.

3. IN DIOCESES OF KITIUM (LIMASSOL) , PAPHOS AND KYRENIA, QUESTION OF PRIESTS' ALLEGIANCE AROSE IN DIFFERENT WAY. NUMBER OF ANTI- MAKARIOS PARISH PRIESTS CHOSE TO READ BISHOPS' ENCYCLICAL FROM PULPIT. (BISHOP SUFFRAGAN OF LARNACA TELLS US PRIESTS WERE NOT INSTRUCTED TO READ ENCYCLICAL, BUT DID SO STRICTLY OF THEIR OWN VOLITION.) RESULT WAS THAT INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN SEVERAL LIMASSOL PARISHES, WHERE CONGREGATIONS PROTESTED PRIESTS' ACTIONS. IN ONE CASE (AYIA NAPA), PRIEST WAS FORCED TO DISCONTINUE READING CIRCULAR BECASUE OF PARISHIONERS SHOUTS, IN OTHERS WOMEN TORE ENCYCLICAL FROM PRIEST' S HANDS.

4. COMMENT: TWO CONCLUSIONS EMERGE FROM SUNDAY' S FIRST SKIRMISHES BETWEEN PRO AND ANTI- MAKAROS PRIESTS AND THEIR PARISHIONERS. FIRST IS THAT ARCHBISHOP MEANS TO MOVE VIGOROUSLY AGAINST ANY CLERGYMAN WHO OPPOSES HIM IN HIS OWN DIOCESES -- AND THAT FEW WISH TO TEST HIS DETERMINATION. SECOND IS THAT IN OTHER SEES SOME PRIESTS MAY BE LOYAL TO BISHOPS BUT PRELIMINARY EVIDENCE SHOWS THEIR PARISHIONERS DEMONSTRATING ALLEGIANCE TO MAKARIOS.

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